

Those things should have been done but we made a mistake and now we are paying for it, and I think we should pay for it. I think it is wrong what we are trying to do. Now we talked about the coops and the elevators that went broke and the State of Nebraska didn't cover it. We did everything that we needed to do. We had them covered with bonds and the bonds paid off but we had some crooks out there that took advantage of us, and I don't think we have penalized them enough. And you must also remember that most of the farmers just lost one crop a year. These people, many of them, not all of them, but many of them lost everything, their whole life savings, and to me that is something. Now I think they were wrong in putting their money all into that particular organization. They should have spread their money around. Many of us who are a little wiser in that, we do lose some some places but we scatter it out and we can take that loss, and many of those people can take that loss, but there are people there that did not do that. Now it has been said that we lost...they only invested \$10 million after the insurance corporation was formed. Why then did they raise it to \$30,000 after it was initiated at \$10,000 when we already knew, today we knew, we didn't know at the time, in 1979, that they were having problems. They raised it to \$30,000 to make it stronger so that they would get more money, so the people wouldn't pull their money out. That is why. To me that is wrong because we took advantage of people and to me that is wrong for the State of Nebraska to do. I think it is a mistake if we do not pay this off, and you must remember also, we are just talking about \$8 million here. The \$12 million has to go to court. It has to be approved. So we are not committing ourselves to that \$12 million at this time. We are just saying that we will accept it if the court approves. The court has approved \$8 million. And the \$8 million tells us that there must have been something wrong or they wouldn't have even approved that. So I feel that we are obligated and we are lucky if we get out for \$20 million. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, I call the question.

PRESIDENT: There has been some even division of the discussion so I will put the question to you. I do see five hands. The question is, shall the debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Twenty-five votes